

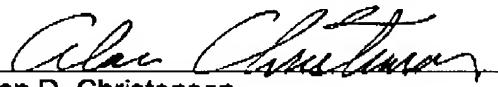
**Appl. No. 10/823,182
Amdt. dated July 29, 2004**

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

With this Preliminary Amendment "A," Applicants amend the specification to note the continuation status of the case. No new matter is presented in these amendments. Applicants further cancel claims 1-4, and present new claims 5-32. Applicants respectfully submit that the new claims are fully supported by the specification, and do not present new matter.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any fees or time extensions are inadvertently omitted or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Hewlett-Packard Company Deposit Account Number 08-2025 and enter any time extension(s) necessary to prevent this case from being abandoned.

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